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Dear sirs/madams:

One of the better pieces of news of the year just past was the announcement that the U S Department of Justice and nine states' attorneys-general had reached a settlement in the long, drawn out Microsoft case. The fact that other states which had been suing the software maker decided not to join in the settlement was both disappointing and deplorable.

We believe millions of Americans join us in the belief that the agreement reached by the federal government and the nine states was fair, just, equitable, reasonable, sensible and in the best interests of all parties concerned. There comes a time when common sense should take precedence over endless and mindless miss-use of the legal system. The remaining plaintiffs in what is now clearly an unjustified battle against corporate preeminence appear to be more interested in demonstrating clout in the public arena than in serving the public interest.

These opposing states have had their day in court, at the same time the other plaintiffs did. They are now becoming a renegade minority, clearly out of step with the vast majority of the American populace.

Cannot some court step in here and put an end to this so that the nation's economy has a chance to improve without this cloud hanging over it? We think so. We urge the U S Attorney-General's office take whatever legal steps are necessary and to use its full powers of persuasion to make it happen.

Sincerely, Warren & Jean Doremus